

The claims defining the invention are as follows:

1. A caravan having a lower body portion and an upper body portion which are hingedly interconnected by means of at least one hinge member, such that they can rotate about a first position when the upper and lower body portions are in close abutment and a second elevated position when the upper and lower body portions have been rotated a predetermined distance about said hinge member, by means of an elevation mechanism, said caravan being provided with side extension members which are substantially horizontal when the body portions are in the first position but, when they are in the second position, said side extension members assume a substantially vertical orientation the arrangement being such that head room is provided over a substantial area of the caravan interior.
2. A caravan as claimed in claim 1 wherein the upper body portion assumes its second position by means of the action of the elevation mechanism on at least one side extension member.
3. A caravan as claimed in claim 1 wherein the upper body portion assumes its second position by means of the action of the elevation mechanism directly on the upper body portion.
4. A caravan as claimed in claim 1 wherein the elevation mechanism is a wind up mechanism and this mechanism includes a handle located on the exterior of the lower body portion.
5. A caravan as claimed in claim 1 having its side extension members oriented such that when the upper and lower body portions are in their first position the side extension members are disposed substantially horizontally within the interior of the caravan without the necessity of disturbing any interior furnishings.

6. A caravan as claimed in claim 5 having a rear face where at least one hinge member is located said face being situated opposite from a face to which a towing mechanism is attached.
7. A caravan as claimed in claim 1 wherein the side extension members are manufactured from a firm fabrication.
8. A caravan as claimed in claim 1 wherein the caravan is manufactured substantially from aluminium.
9. A caravan as claimed in claim 1 wherein the caravan is manufactured substantially from fibreglass/insulation sandwich material.
10. A caravan as claimed in claim 1 in which the lower body portion is provided with a removable storage compartment.
11. A caravan as claimed in claim 10 in which the removable storage compartment is attachable to the front face of the caravan.
12. A caravan substantially as herein describe with reference to the accompanying drawings.